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them. But then we have on our Statutes, and they defend it, that everybody ought to work until it means a competitive business for them. They are also the ones that continue to extoll the virtues of competition and free enterprise, which I support. But what they mean is competition and free enterprise, unless it's in their own particular business. I was hoping, and I would assume, that each of those people that have suggested that we are overpaying in unemployment compensations, that we're overpaying in welfare, that we are not seeing that people get their jobs, would jump up and support this bill wholeheartedly because what this bill, in a nut shell, means is that we got something and we want to protect it.

Of all the bills that I've seen in my three or four years here, I think this is one of the most important. It's most important because it's a reaffirmation of a position that, in this country - yes in this bicentennial year, that each person has the right to seek a job in the area where he wants to and where he has the expertise.

I would hope that we would move the bill forward. In my judgement this is the worst piece of manipulation of an employee that I've ever seen. The present system is a bad system. I certainly know that. I think almost everybody in this room knows that. Yes, even my Mother in Ada knows that. I would hope that we would move this bill on with great speed to instill the idea that we want to see that people work and they have an opportunity to work in those areas where they have the expertise and the ability.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't often disagree with my good friend, Senator Frank Lewis. On this occasion I'm forced to disagree. Senator Lewis does not refer to the fact that, in this instance, an individual freely signs an agreement. Many times he does ....

PRESIDENT: Senator, do you wish the Clerk to read your motion at this time, or are you going to make your statement first?

SENATOR SCHMIT: My motion?

PRESIDENT: I think you have a motion up on this bill, do you not Senator?

CLERK: Yes, you have a kill motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Leave the motion ... I placed that motion there last Spring. There was a lot of water over the dam since that time.

PRESIDENT: Alright.